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Blanchet Catholic School Seniors Thankful for Catholic Education



“Blessing,” “Faith,” “Spiritual Sustenance,” “Valuable” these are just some of the words the 58 graduating Blanchet Catholic School Seniors use when they are asked what Catholic education has meant to them.

Many of the seniors have gone through 12 years of learning at a Catholic school. Several students say they want to pursue higher learning at a Catholic college or

university.

Four students will serve as 2014 valedictorians: Colleen Gayle Coen, Soo Yon Kim, David B. Leonardo, and Malvika Ramesh. Madeline Eilizabeth North will serve as salutatorian.

To honor the 2014 Blanchet Seniors who are graduating this month, we asked what Catholic education has meant to them. The following are the feelings many of them expressed to us:

“Catholic education has given me a faith-based education where I am encouraged to grow in my relation with God and walk on this journey with Him,” said Taylor Wolf.

“Catholic education has given me the opportunity to explore my faith and expand my general knowledge simultaneously,” Colleen Gayle Coen said.

“A privilege to learn and grow as a young man in an environment where I am challenged physically, mentally and morally,” Mitchell Woodry said.

“Catholic education has been a true blessing in my life, I have been able to grow both academically and spiritually which has truly helped me as I have grown in the person I am,” said Ashley Scanlon.

“Having a Catholic teaching has really helped me grow in my faith and learn how to love God more,” said Sheila Limas.

“It’s given me great insight into how those of the Catholic faith live everyday life, as well as an understanding of the foundation of Catholic faith,” said Quinn Duvall.

“It has taught me the importance of serving others and how much it can not only impact others’ lives but mine as well,” said Kat Carey.

“It is where I can balance my academics and faith, to discover what’s important in my life and define my values, without fear of judgment,” said Sarah Kim.

“Catholic education has provided me with a multitude of connections and resources to have at my disposal for the rest of my life,” said Aubrey Ruiz.

“It has meant to me that the Lord can shine through to all aspects of my life and help me to succeed in all that I do,” Jake Tierney Handrar said.

“The ability to be myself and express my Catholic beliefs in a welcoming and accepting environment,” said Patrick Counts.

“It has meant the world to me because I was able to see how proud it has made not

only myself but my grandfather who wants nothing more than for me to succeed both intellectually and spiritually,” said Bretton Ostby

“Catholic education has led me to choose a Jesuit university,” Stacey Ruiz said.

“It has given me the opportunity to learn more about my faith as well as grow stronger in my faith,” said Harley Kamakaenho Opai Pai Hai

“It has challenged me academically and has pushed me to go deeper with my faith,” said Emerson Bartch.

“Catholic education means growing in your relationship with God while prospering academically, we are blessed with an opportunity that is not given to everyone,” said Shea White-Toney.

“Catholic education has been a great opportunity for me, as well as many others to grow in faith,” said Matthew Schnurbusch.

“For me, it’s just a new way to learn. It’s great and helped me understand a lot of new things,” said Jennifer Guo.

“To me Catholic education taught us how to be good person, how to love others and forgive others and myself. Catholic education also made me know that ‘Don’t judge myself because God made me for a reason,’” said Sophia Way.

“It gave me a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith which really inspired me to take confirmation and first communion classes,” Kara Vanzandt.

“I’m not a Catholic but I learned things from Catholic education which is great,” Lynn Han said.

“An opportunity to learn about a new faith,” Malvika Ramesh said.

“The opportunity to be open about my faith and learn even more about it,” Ali Jordan said.

“The opportunity to grow in not only my faith, but the chance to meet dedicated and faithful individuals,” David Leonardo said.

“It has been a blessing to be in a Catholic school,” Jeff Lieder said.

“It’s something that’s important to me and has helped shaped me as a Catholic,” said Mitchell Coleman.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BLANCHET CATHOLIC

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SENIOR CLASS 2014

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Alee Michelle Banuelos
Emerson Edward Lyon Bartch
Sierra Nicole Bassett
Thomas Richard Bay
Marius Paul Becker
Nicholas William Becker
Katherine Margaret Carey
Dongwon Choi
Colleen Gayle Coen
Mitchell Charles Coleman
Patrick C. Counts
Quinn Austin Duvall
Gregor Cameron Falk
Mason Anthony Fessler
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Kexin Guo
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Bretton Elizabeth Ostby
Siwon Park
Malvika Ramesh
Alicia Rain Romero-Rosillo
Aubrey Chrysann Ruiz
Kyle Ashton Ruiz

Stacey Alexandra Ruiz
Bryce Jordan Santibanez
Ashley Marie Scanlan
Matthew Charles Schnurbusch
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Zixuan Wang
Shea MacGregor White-Toney
Robert Adam Willburn
Charles August Wiseman
Taylor Lynn Wolf
Mitchell James Woodry
Shiyuan M. Zhang



Queen of Peace Greets Salem-area Chamber

The weekly meeting of the Salem-area Chamber of Commerce Greeters, the largest business networking group in the Salem area, was held at Queen of Peace Catholic School on Friday, May 9th, 2014. More than a hundred Chamber members met in the Church gathering area. Principal Debilyn Janota served as the hostess and reported on the latest happenings at the school. Janota took questions and comments from the group. One Chamber member gave high praise to the school; his eyes teared up as he recalled the education his daughters received while they attended Queen of Peace School.

The meeting started off with a group of Queen of Peace students singing two songs. The lyrics from one song in particular, "Home" by Phillip Phillips, drew on meaning for the school: "I'm gonna make this place your home." And the students made the Chamber members feel like they were at "home." The students welcomed members inside the church and helped give out food and drinks. Janota gave tours of the school as well.

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